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Thursday, June 2, 2022

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Docket 0

**Courtroom Deputy:** 

- NONE LISTED -

**Tentative Ruling:** 

- NONE LISTED -

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2:22-10580 Jael Chavez Mendiola and Anthony Buitrago

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#1.00 Motion for fine and/or disgorgement of fees against bankruptcy petition preparer

Allen Shoraka

Docket 35

\*\*\* VACATED \*\*\* REASON: 5/25/22 - VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL OF

**MOTION FILED** 

**Courtroom Deputy:** 

- NONE LISTED -

**Tentative Ruling:** 

Motion has been withdrawn by movant. Off calendar. No appearance necessary.

**Party Information** 

**Debtor(s):** 

Jael Chavez Mendiola Represented By

Victor Luke - SUSPENDED -

**Joint Debtor(s):** 

Anthony Buitrago Represented By

Victor Luke - SUSPENDED -

Movant(s):

United States Trustee (LA) Represented By

Ron Maroko

**Trustee(s):** 

Jason M Rund (TR) Pro Se

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2:21-14449 Alex A. Khadavi

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#2.00 Evidentiary Hearing re: Application for Compensation for Michael Jay Berger,

Debtor's Attorney, Period: 8/27/2021 to 1/16/2022

[Fee: \$91,482.50, Expenses: \$1,106.76]

fr. 3-2-22; 4-12-22

Docket 134

### **Courtroom Deputy:**

ZoomGov Appearance by:

5/26/22 - Michael Berger

#### **Tentative Ruling:**

Tentative Ruling for March 2, 2022:

Court has concerns with regard to services performed by debtor's counsel based on allegations contained in Green Coin's answer to complaint. If counsel has not been forthcoming with court with regard to conditions precedent to sale, professional's compensation will be affected. Hearing required.

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Final Ruling for March 2, 2022:

Allow on an interim basis fees of \$64,579 in fees and costs of \$1,106.76. Continue hearing on fees related to asset disposition (\$24,903.50) to date of hearing on sale motion/motion for appointment of trustee/sale motion -- April 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

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Tentative Ruling for April 12, 2022:

See tentative ruling for matter no. 1. Continue hearing on fee application to date of evidentiary hearing on conduct of counsel.

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Evidentiary hearing required.

Court would like to focus on the following issues:

- 1. Was there an agreement between Khadavi and Green Coin that sale would be contingent on value of Green Coin? If so, did Mr. Berger know about that condition and fail to disclose it to the court?
- 2. Was there an agreement between Khadavi and Green Coin that the deposit was to be refundable if the buyer failed to perform? If so, did Mr. Berger know about that condition and fail to disclose it to the court?
- 3. Was Mr. Berger aware that Khadavi had consented to a cancellation of the escrow and a release of \$500,000 to Green Coin and that he had requested that \$200,000 be released to him (and that he be paid an additional \$50,000 of cryptocurrency and that Green Coin could enjoy the use of the property) and fail to disclose this to the court?
- 4. Did Khadavi threaten Mr. Butler to discourage him from offering testimony and, if so, did Mr. Berger know about and/or condone this conduct?

### **Party Information**

#### **Debtor(s):**

Alex A. Khadavi Represented By

Michael Jay Berger

**Movant(s):** 

Alex A. Khadavi Represented By

Michael Jay Berger Michael Jay Berger Michael Jay Berger

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#3.00 Scheduling and Case Management Conference in a Chapter 11 Case

fr. 7-28-21, 10-27-21, 12-1-21, 3-2-22; 3-30-22; 4-12-22

Docket 1

### **Courtroom Deputy:**

ZoomGov Appearance by:

5/26/22 - Michael Berger

#### **Tentative Ruling:**

Is the Sarbonne Road property currently occupied by anyone? Did the debtor have the house constructed or remodeled? If so, when was the construction/remodeling completed? Did the debtor ever live in the property? If so, when did the debtor move out of the property?

Has there been any interest in the Sarbonne property? Are buyers touring the property? Status report states that property is listed at \$80,000,000, but Compass website, Zillow, etc. lists the property for sale at \$87,777.77. Why the difference?

Who is Allan Khadavi? Who is John Ebra?

Set bar date and deadline for serving notice of bar date.

7/28/21 -- Court approved scheduling order setting following dates:

Cont'd status conference -- October 27, 2021 at 11:00 L/D to file updated status report -- October 15, 2021 L/D to serve notice of bar date -- August 2, 2021 Bar date -- September 30, 2021

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Tentative Ruling for October 27, 2021:

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Continue case status conference to December 1, 2021 to be heard concurrently with continued hearing on sale motion. APPEARANCES WAIVED ON OCTOBER 27, 2021.

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Tentative Ruling for December 1, 2021:

Revisit status of case after conclusion of continued hearing on sale motion.

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12/13/21 -- Court signed scheduling order setting following dates:

12/31/21 -- L/D for debtor to file an adversary proceeding to resolve ownership of security deposit if there are disputes.

2/18/22 -- L/D for debtor to file claim objections or adversary proceedings to resolve issues as to validity of alleged secured claims.

2/18/22 -- L/D for debtor to file updated status report.

3/2/22 at 11:00 am -- Continued case status conference.

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Tentative Ruling for March 2, 2022:

Has the debtor filed motion to employ Concierge Auctions? If not, why not and when will that motion be filed? Hearing required.

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Tentative Ruling for March 30, 2022:

Continue case status conference to date of April 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. to be held concurrently with hearing on OSC. Appearances waived on March 30, 2022. (No new status report required for April 12 status conference.)

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Tentative Ruling for June 2, 2022:

Revisit status of case after conclusion of evidentiary hearing.

# **Party Information**

#### **Debtor(s):**

Alex A. Khadavi

Represented By Michael Jay Berger